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DATE: October 15, 2009

TO: All Local Health Departments
Attn: Chief Food Inspection Officer

FROM: A. Scott Gilliam, MBA, CP-FS
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SUBJECT: TGF PRODUCTION LLC Recall

SUGGESTED

ACTION: Unclassified Recall; Uneviscerated Herring Salted; Recommend notification of affected stores via phone, fax or e-mail.

From the information provided by FDA, the product being recalled was distributed in the State of Indiana. The recalled Herring Salted was distributed nationwide in 1.3kg (2.86lb) round plastic containers with the code numbers 24.08.09 and 13.07.09. The Herring Salted is a product of Russia. In addition, if any recalled product is found, please notify this office at 317-233-7360.

Recall -- Firm Press Release

FDA posts press releases and other notices of recalls and market withdrawals from the firms involved as a service to consumers, the media, and other interested parties. FDA does not endorse either the product or the company.

TGF PRODUCTION LLC Issues An Alert on Uneviscerated Herring Salted

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - October 15, 2009 - TGF PRODUCTION LLC 191 CENTRE STREET BROOKLYN NY 11231 is recalling Herring Salted because the product was found to be uneviscerated.

The recalled Herring Salted was distributed nationwide in 1.3kg (2.86lb) round plastic containers with the code numbers 24.08.09 and 13.07.09. The Herring Salted is a product of Russia.

The Herring Salted was sampled by a New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets Food Inspector during a routine inspection. Subsequent analysis of the product by New York State Food Laboratory personnel confirmed that the Herring Salted was not properly eviscerated prior to processing.

The sale of uneviscerated fish is prohibited under the New York State Agriculture and Markets regulations because *Clostridium botulinum* spores are more likely to be concentrated in the viscera than any other portion of the fish. Uneviscerated fish have been linked to outbreaks of botulism poisoning.

This product may be contaminated with *Clostridium Botulinum* spores, which can cause Botulism, a serious and potentially fatal food-borne illness. Symptoms of botulism include blurred or double vision, general weakness, poor reflexes, difficulty in swallowing and respiratory paralysis.

No illnesses have been reported to date in connection with this problem. Consumers that have purchased Herring Salted are advised not to eat it and should return it to the place of purchase. Consumers with questions may contact TGF PRODUCTION LLC, at 646 546 5847.

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Photo: Product Labels